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SUBJ: BREZHNEV STATEMENT ON INDIAN OCEAN BASES

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1. AMB DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH FACILITIES
SOVIETS ARE BUILDING IN SOMALIA DURING MARCH 4
MEETING WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN
AFFAIRS LAKSHMAN JAYAKODY. LETTER WAS ALSO GIVEN
TO JAYAKODY SUMMARIZING MAIN POINTS OF PRESENTATION
AND ENCLOSING BACKGROUND INFO, DRAWING ON
GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY WASHINGTON.

2. JAYAKODY SAID EVIDENCE OF SOVIET MILITARY

ACTIVITY IN SOMALIA WAS CONVINCING AND ASKED THAT
HE BE KEPT INFORMED OF FURTHER SOVIET MILITARY
INVOLVEMENT THERE, AS WELL AS ELSEWHERE IN INDIAN
OCEAN REGION. HE NOTED THAT HE HAD BEEN CALLED UPON
TO COMMENT ON BREZHNEV'S STATEMENT TO CPSU CONGRESS
REGARDING SOVIET "BASES" IN INDIAN OCEAN AND HE SAID HE
FELT HE COULD NOT PUBLICLY CHALLENGE BREZHNEV'S
STATEMENT IN PRESS CONFERENCE. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT
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HE KNEW THAT BREZHNEV'S STATEMENT DID NOT CONTAIN

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"THE WHOLE TRUTH."
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